

SENATE No. 50

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Ryan C. Fattman

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act further defining eligibility for medical use marijuana.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Ryan C. Fattman</i>	<i>Worcester and Hampden</i>	
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>1/30/2023</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>First Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>2/7/2023</i>

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By Mr. Fattman, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 50) of Ryan C. Fattman, Lindsay N. Sabadosa and Patrick M. O'Connor for legislation to further defining eligibility for medical use marijuana. Cannabis Policy.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act further defining eligibility for medical use marijuana.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 1 of chapter 94I of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out lines 20 through 25 and inserting in place
3 thereof the following:-

4 “Debilitating medical condition”, cancer, glaucoma, positive status for human
5 immunodeficiency virus, acquired immune deficiency syndrome, hepatitis C, amyotrophic lateral
6 sclerosis, Crohn's disease, Parkinson's disease, multiple sclerosis, post-traumatic stress disorder,
7 opioid use disorder, and other conditions as determined in writing by a registered qualifying
8 patient's registered healthcare professional.

9 SECTION 2. Said section 1 of said chapter 94I of the General Laws, as so appearing, is
10 hereby further amended by striking out lines 84 through 86 and inserting in place thereof the
11 following:-

12 “Qualifying patient”, (1) a person who has been diagnosed by a registered healthcare
13 professional as having a debilitating medical condition, or (2) a veteran receiving their health
14 care at a federal Veterans Administration facility provides their Veterans Administration "Blue
15 Button Report Problem List" indicating an existing debilitating medical condition to the
16 commission.